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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGES ON DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR NOEL
AND MR. MOORE

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO JK AMBASSADOR TOMKINS QTE
YOUR MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE SECRETARY ON THE
TRAGIC DEATHS OF AMBASSADOR CLEO A. NOEL, JR., AND MR.
GEORGE C. MOORE HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE FAMILIES OF THESE
HEROIC MEN. THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS TO
YOU, MRS. TOMKINS, AND ALL YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR WORDS OF COM-
FORT.

I BELIEVE THIS CRUEL AND WANTON ACT POINTS UP THE NECESSITY
FOR ALL OF US EVERYWHERE TO WORK TO SUPPRESS TERRORISM FOR,
AS YOU SAY, NONE OF US ARE IMMUNE NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE.
I KNOW YOU WILL SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO THIS END. YOURS
SINCERELY, WALTER J. STOESSEL, JR., ASS' T SECRETARY. END QTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR TOMKINS QTE
I WAS APPALLED TO LEARN THAT YOUR AMBASSADOR TO THE SUDAN
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AND MR. MOORE HAD BEEN MURDERED BY THE BLACK SEPTEMBER
TERRORISTS. I KNOW THAT DIPLOMATS LIKE MYSELF WHO LIVE IN
PARIS SEEM TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE RISKS WHICH THREATEN
THOSE WHO WORK IN MORE EXPOSED PLACES, BUT THESE TERRORISTS
DO NOT SEEM TO ACT IN RATIONAL WAYS AND I SUPPOSE THERE-
FORE THAT THE RISK EXISTS TO SOME EXTENT FOR ALL OF US
WHEREVER WE ARE. THE ONLY WAY TO GUARD AGAINST IT IS
TO TAKE THE STAND WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT DID AND I THINK
THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT TO DO SO. BUT I KNOW HOW
DIFFICULT IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR YOU PERSONALLY AND I
SHOULD LIKE TO SEND THE SYMPATHY OF MYSELF AND JILL AND OF
ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS EMBASSY TO YOU AT THIS SAD MOMENT.
YOURS SINCERELY, EDWARD TOMKINS. END QTE.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE, BUT THE RECIPIENT MAY DO SO IF DE-
SIRED. ROGERS

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